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To the United States Department of Justice:

Microsoft is a monopoly, and as such, it should be made certain that it cannot use its dominance in operating systems to take control of other parts of the software industry. Specifically, Microsoft should be told to allow users the ability to use open source software in lieu of Windows and/or other pre-loaded software that comes on PCs. In order to help enable this action, Microsoft should be forced into opening up its APIs, not just for the short term, but for the long term. Until Microsoft joins with the rest of the software industry in embracing industry standards, Microsoft will continue to leverage its operating system monopoly to gain control of other software arenas.

## Thank you

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